

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A toy comprising:

a linking loop type structure having an elongated tubular member with a pair of opposite free ends, said tubular member being formed ~~in the shape of~~ into a closed loop configuration of a substantially fixed shape with said free ends adjacent to one another and being of sufficient stiffness to maintain said closed loop configuration in said fixed shape, ~~each one of said free ends including a magnet and the other of said free ends including at least one of a magnet or a material attracted to a magnet.~~

2. (original) The toy of claim 1 wherein each of said free ends includes a magnet.

3. (original) The toy of claim 1 wherein said tubular member is constructed of stuffed fabric.

4. (original) The toy of claim 1 including a retaining sack wherein said at least one magnet or a material attracted to a magnet is retained within said sack.

5. (currently amended) ~~The A toy of claim 4 wherein said sack is comprising:~~

a linking loop type structure having an elongated tubular member with a pair of opposite free ends, said tubular member being formed in the shape of a closed loop with said free ends adjacent to one another, each of said ends including at least one of a magnet or a material attracted to a magnet, the structure further including a retaining sack stitched to said tubular member wherein said at least one magnet or a material attracted to a magnet is retained within said sack.

6. (currently amended) The toy of claim 1 wherein said ~~tubular member is formed in the shape of a closed loop configuration is having~~ a circular configuration.
7. (original) The toy of claim 1 wherein said tubular member is flexible.
8. (original) The toy of claim 1 wherein said at least one magnet or a material attracted to a magnet is embedded within its respective free ends.
9. (currently amended) ~~The A toy of claim 1 including comprising:~~
a plurality of ~~said linking~~ loop type structures connected together, each of said structures having an elongated tubular member with a pair of opposite free ends, said tubular member being formed in the shape of a closed loop with said free ends adjacent to one another, each of said ends including at least one of a magnet or a material attracted to a magnet.
10. (currently amended) A play accessory comprising:
an elongated ~~tubular structure member~~ having a pair of free ends, a magnet positioned near one of said free ends and one of a magnet or a material attracted to a magnet positioned at each near the other of said free ends, said tubular member being of sufficient flexibility to be formed into a closed loop structure configuration of a substantially fixed shape with said free ends adjacent to one another, said member being of sufficient stiffness to maintain said substantially fixed shape when said member is unstressed.
11. (original) The play accessory of claim 10 wherein each of said free ends includes a magnet.
12. (original) The play accessory of claim 10 wherein said tubular member is constructed of stuffed fabric.
13. (original) The play accessory of claim 10 wherein said at least one magnet or material attracted to a magnet is retained within said sack.

14. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A play accessory comprising:
an elongated tubular structure having a pair of free ends and one of a magnet or a
material attracted to a magnet positioned at each of said free ends, said tubular member being of
sufficient flexibility to be formed into a closed loop structure with said free ends adjacent to one
another, said one of a magnet or material attracted to a magnet retained within a sack wherein
said sack is stitched to said tubular member.
15. (original) The play accessory of claim 10 wherein said at least one magnet or a material
attracted to a magnet is embedded within its respective free end.
16. (cancelled)
17. (currently amended) The toy of claim ~~16~~ 19 wherein said first loop structures are keeper
loops being closed loop structures.
18. (cancelled)
19. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A toy ~~of claim 16~~ comprising the combination of:
a keeper having a body portion and a plurality of first loop structures connected with said
body and
at least one second loop structure manually connectable to one of said first loop
structures, at least one of said first loop structures and said second loop structure having a pair of
free ends which are engageable with one another and which are manually separable from one
another to connect said one loop structure to one of the other of first loop structures and said
second loop structure and wherein each of said free ends includes a magnet or a material
attracted to a magnet.
20. (original) The toy of claim 19 wherein said at least one second loop structure comprises said
pair of free ends.

21. (new) A toy comprising:

a plurality of loop type members selectively interconnectable with one another, each of said loop type members comprising an elongated member having a first connection member comprising a magnet at a first position and a second connection member comprising a magnet or a material attracted to a magnet at a second position, said first and second connection members being connectable to one another to form said elongated member into a closed loop configuration and said first and second connection members being manually separable to selectively interconnect a plurality of said closed loop configurations together, with each closed loop configuration extending through the loop of an adjacent closed loop configuration.